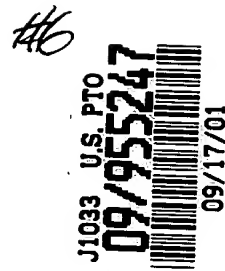


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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant requests that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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DE 3613773 C2	10-30-86	Germany
EP 0 715 266 A2	6-5-96	European
DE 692 25 637	5-27-98	Germany

Document AL, German DE 3613773 relates to a configuration check for a multi-loop data transmission network which uses a special message to which individual control processors add identifying flags.

Document AM, European EP 0 175 266 A2 relates to an electrical network model initialization and actualization system which uses a sparse matrix method and a sparse vector method for rapid updating independent of network size.

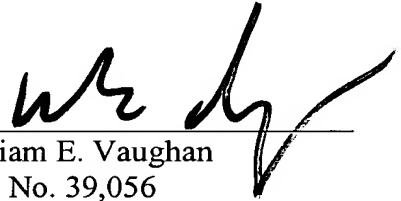
Document AN, German DE 692 25 637 relates to automatically determining physical topology across repeaters and bridges of a computer network, determining arrival port of message packets received by interconnect device, e.g., a hub containing sender ID from a packet and storing list of each port on a hub and its associated computer.

Applicant looks forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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